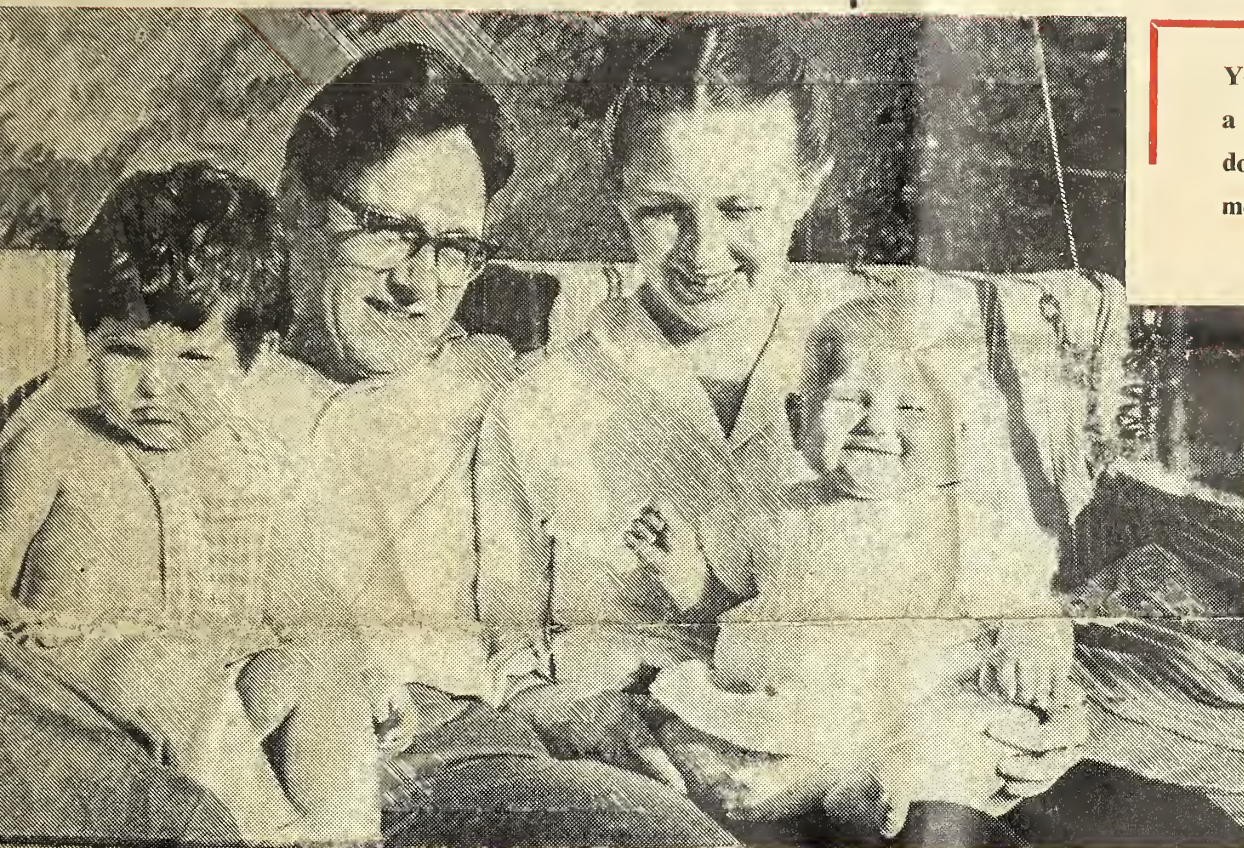


MILLIONS LIKE US

**MAINLY FOR
WOMEN**

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**ISSUED BY THE
COMMUNIST PARTY**



Yes, this young couple, too, want a home, and quickly. But what do the Tories care? High rents mean more to them than happy families.

producing we should not have money worries, rent worries, hire purchase, clothes, food worries.

And no fear of unemployment. Shorter hours and higher wages is the answer to that one.

We could have the best for our children.

Above all, a government of the working class here would hold out the hand of friendship to their fellow workers in all other countries. There could be real peace and an end to the threat of the H-bomb for us and our children.

Perhaps you feel that you can't be interested in politics—but politics play a very important part in our lives, whether we realise it or not. They decide which sort of school our children attend; whether there are enough day nurseries or nursery schools; whether there is a hospital bed when we need one.

We want only the best for them

THERE are millions of us who, like this young couple, want a home of our own, without waiting for years on a housing list.

Like them, we want our children to grow strong, healthy and well educated.

But the Tories couldn't care less how our children fare in life.

Their main interest is making profit—and how hard we work to make it for them!

High prices, high rents, that's what they want.

When we and our husbands are redundant, it's the labour exchange for us. When a big Tory shareholder is redundant he gets thousands of pounds in compensation and it's tax free.

There is only a handful of these people compared to us, but they own the banks, the land and the main industries. These people are the backbone of the Tory Party, they control the Tory Government.

Millions for Bombs

They and their children have the best of everything, luxurious homes, and the most expensive education.

In Parliament they cut down

money for houses, hospitals, schools, but spend millions of our money on H-bombs and rockets.

It is we of the working class who make the good things of life. We have more right to them than they have.

Time for a Change

That is why we must get a government which will put the needs of our families first. A government which, together with the local councils, will provide decent homes with all modern conveniences at rents we can afford, proper family holidays, more and cheaper food.

If we got our fair share of the enormous wealth we workers are

The Wrong Politics

Politics decide how the wealth which we create is used. For eight years now they have been the wrong politics—Tory politics.

Maybe you still feel that you can't be interested, that your home and family take all your time.

It's true that for most of us the family needs come first. We devote the best part of our lives to them.

But turn to the next page and see what Tory rule has cost our families. Read on, and think how the rich live—and how a different government could bring the things we want within the reach of us all.

USE YOUR VOTE FOR THE GOOD OF THE FAMILY

WHAT WE CAN DO FOR PEACE

EVERY woman wants peace for her family, wants her children to grow up in a peaceful world.

But there is a shadow over our children's future—the shadow of nuclear war.

We have more nuclear weapons per square mile in Britain than anywhere else in the world. Our countryside is thick with rocket sites and bomber bases.

We have guided missiles—the Thunderbird, the Bloodhound, the Fire-streak. Some of them stand ready for firing.

Over our heads fly planes carrying atom bombs. There is a risk of an accident—which would bring destruction and radiation sickness and could even start a war.

Bomber planes are constantly taking off somewhere in our country on dangerous practice flights.

It is time to get rid of these horrible weapons, to close the sites and the bases. We want to get rid of all A-bombs and H-bombs, whoever owns them.

To do this, we must elect a Government which really wants to get agreement on ending tests and banning the bomb.



PUTTING an end to H-bomb tests is the first step towards peace. We must get rid of the deadly dust, strontium 90, which can cause leukemia (cancer of the blood) or bone cancer.

It gets into our vegetables, into our daily milk and our Sunday joint (because it is eaten by cattle and sheep as they graze), even into the water we drink and the air we breathe.

During the past year the amount of radio-active dust (strontium 90) falling on Britain has doubled.

Children's bones absorb strontium 90 five times as fast as adults do.

Scientists estimate that radiation effects may cause the death of about 100,000 of the next generation each year.

Radiation can also damage unborn children. It can cause miscarriages or the birth of deformed babies.

If the tests were resumed and were to go on for another three generations, there might be 300,000 miscarriages and 100,000 deformed babies every year.

WHERE WILL OUR CHILDREN GO?

"If it's to be war, decide now so that I can send our British children to Canada to preserve our families. My experts tell me that nuclear war will mean 20 million dead in Britain."

What Macmillan told Eisenhower (U.S. News and World Report, April 6th, 1959)

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

WOMEN have done a lot already to gain peace. They have held meetings and rallies, carried placards and posters, handed out leaflets.

They have kept vigil at the House of Commons and have organised their own protest marches against H-bombs.

With their children, they formed an important part of the two Aldermaston marches and of the great March for Life last June.

These group actions forced the Tories to take some steps towards peace—like the Foreign Ministers' Conference at Geneva.

Can we do anything individually? Yes, we can.

There are about 18 million women voters in the country. We could all do three small things.

- Write a letter to our M.P. demanding the banning of nuclear weapons.

- Send a letter to the local paper.

- Sign a petition against the bomb.

HOW MONEY SHOULD BE USED

For the cost of the Thor rocket bases (£30 million) we could build 20,000 houses.



For every H-bomb test (cost £1 million) we could build two comprehensive schools.



For the annual cost of the Blue Streak missiles (£30 million) we could build 10 new hospitals a year.

For £500 million (one-third of the annual arms bill) we could increase the old age pensions by £1 a week and could double the family allowance.

Just think what effect millions of women demanding an end to testing and manufacturing of all nuclear weapons would have on the Government!

Soon we shall have a special chance to make our voices heard, by voting in a general election. When the canvasser comes to your doorstep to ask for your vote, demand that the candidate supports:

- An end to British tests and nuclear weapons,
- No U.S. bases in Britain.
- An international agreement to end tests and ban nuclear weapons.
- No nuclear arms for West Germany.
- Summit Talks.

DO NOT LET ANY CANDIDATE GET AWAY WITHOUT AN ANSWER SO THAT YOU KNOW WHERE HE STANDS

Every Woman's Dream

Such a kitchen is every woman's dream but—

Two million families share a kitchen sink.

Over one million homes have no cooking stove.

Seven million families are without a bathroom.

Over three million share a lavatory.



Plight of Widowed Mothers

OVER 100,000 widows with children receive the National Insurance widowed mother's allowance.

More than half of them have to go to National Assistance, in order to feed their children.

Golden Retirement

IN his gold-and-white penthouse in Grosvenor Square, Mr. William Darby said to me: "Last year I made £40,000 on the Stock Exchange".



These women are taking a hand themselves in making a better life. They know how Tory rule affects peace, jobs, homes and prices—all the things that matter to their families.

THEIR PROFITS KEEP PRICES UP

THE TORIES CLAIM that the people's standard of life is higher now than it ever has been. This is not due to their efforts. They never give anything away! Whatever improvements there are, we **organised and fought** to get. We work a lot of overtime and production and profits have increased more than our wages.

Yet today, science and automation, which could cut out much of

the drudgery in industry and produce more and cheaper goods than ever before, often result in unemployment under the Tories.

It's true today that cars, television sets, refrigerators and other modern things are available at high prices, but the whole family has to share the strain of maintaining the better homes we want. Even if more of us have a house or car "of our own" more of us have a mortgage, hire

purchase, or other heavy payments to meet, and we have to work long hours to meet them.

Millions of women go out to work—not for pin money, but to make both ends meet or to get a few extras for the family.

There is still the fear of a job vanishing almost overnight—look what is happening in the mining and aircraft industries.

Youngsters have difficulty getting work. And just think of the old-age pensioners and widows.

But for the Tories, their class and their profits, the cost of everything the people need could come down.

More families could have more of the good things of life. And with a shorter working week, leisure to enjoy them!

HOW THEY SPEND THEIR MONEY

The **HAT**—a whipped-up light-as-a-cloud affair of shaded green silk petals by Otto Lucas. ("How much?" I asked. "Shus-s-h", he said, which puts it in the 50-guineas class).

The **GLOVES**—sleek, supple suede, 4½ guineas.

The **STOCKINGS**—imported from America and selling like hot cakes in Knightsbridge at 29s. 6d. a pair. (Just

how extravagant can one get! One woman spent £38, another £42 on them while I waited!)

The **SHOES**—in a new kind of nylon net banded in suede—by Edward Rayne. They also are light as a feather, cool and comparatively costly. Price? Ten guineas.

Fantastic . . . unrealistic . . . out-of-this-world? Out of yours maybe, but that's how the other half lives.

(Sunday Express, 4.6.59.)

ing class mother knows how long one has to wait for beds.

But the rich have no problems of medical treatment. They can buy it. A month's stay in the London Clinic costs £150.

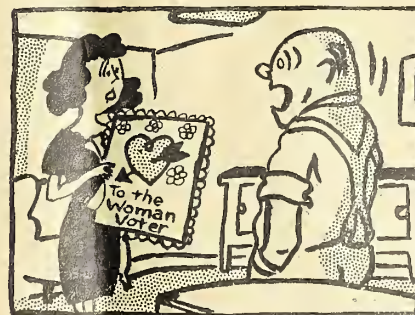
The Price of 20 Cigarettes

THIS is all that Britain pays now, per head of population every week, for the whole State schooling system.

— About half a million children still go to grim old schools more than ninety years old.

— More than a million children in primary schools are still taught in grossly over-crowded class-rooms.

(Daily Mirror, 1.4.59.)

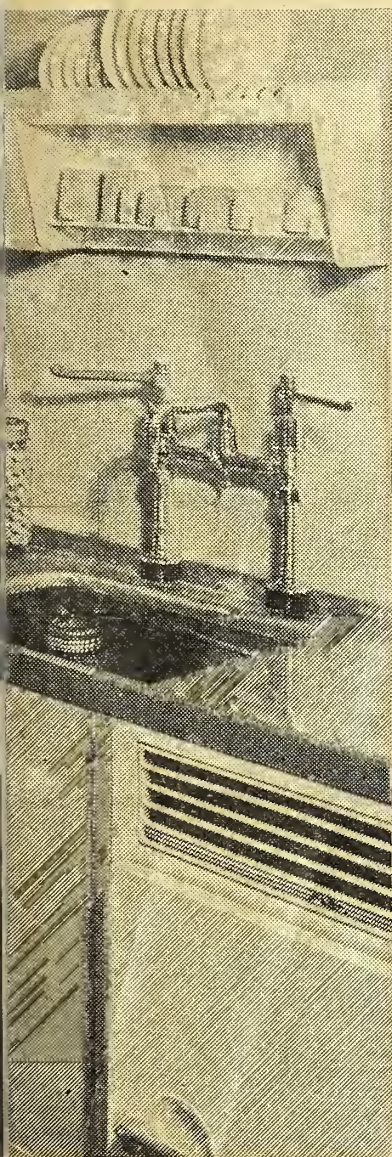


"If it's from that Conservative candidate 'I shouldn't look so pleased—you know how they keep their promises.'"

PRICES UNDER THE TORIES

Oct. 1951		Apr. 1959
6 ^d	1 1/4" loaf	11 ^d
2s. 6 ^d	BUTTER per lb.	2s. 9 ^d to 3s. 8 ^d
3s. 1 ^d	Eggs per lb.	4s. 4 ^d
5 1/2 ^d	per MILK pint	8 ^d
1s. 2 ^d	per lb.	3s. 2 ^d
6 ^d	SUGAR per lb.	9 ^d to 10 ^d
3s. 8 ^d	per lb.	6s. 8 ^d
2s. 6 ^d	per lb.	5s. 6 ^d

—AND THEY TELL US THEY HAVE KEPT PRICES DOWN!



Darby left the Lewis Berger paint shop as managing director five years after a coronary thrombosis. He was given a parting gift of £64,000 tax-free and a pension of £4,000 a year. (Evening Standard, 23.7.59.)

o hospital queue for them

OUR Health contributions have gone up, so has the cost of prescriptions, glasses and dentures. Yet only a single hospital has been completed in this country for the last ten years, and every work-

What we want from life

*Molly Keith, National Women's
Organiser of the Communist Party,
puts her Party's point of view.*

DEAR READER, There are thousands of women in the Communist Party today who have joined us because they, too, want something better for themselves and their families.

We Communists believe that a fuller and richer life for our families and our children can be achieved only when Socialism is established in our country and the working people make our laws.

That means when people like you and me and our husbands decide what is to be done with the nation's wealth—which we, not the millionaires, create.

Perhaps this is the first time you have seen or read anything from the Communist Party. If so, we hope that you will think about what we say and discuss it with your friends and neighbours.

Just consider for a moment all the wealth which workers create, and how it could be used for the benefit of all. Higher wages, more schools, hospitals, houses and health centres.

Would you want to spend vast sums on deadly nuclear weapons while thousands of old-age pensioners and widows haven't enough to live on? No, of course you wouldn't. It's only commonsense.

That is what Socialism means: using the nation's wealth for the nation's happiness.

But how are we going to bring this about?

All through our history women have realised they need to work together to get what they want.

Our grandmothers and mothers worked together to win the vote. The maternity and child welfare services were started because women demanded them.

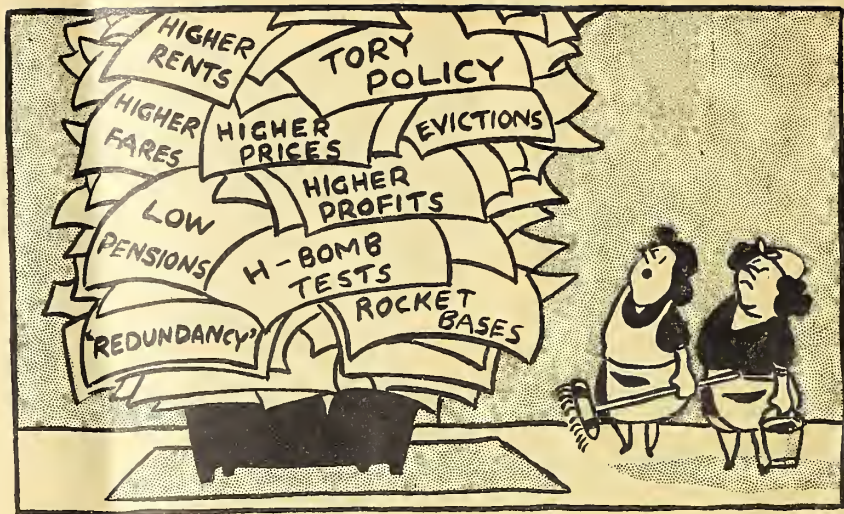
Today thousands of women work together in the Co-operative Guilds, Labour Party and other women's organisations.

Soon we shall be electing a new Parliament. For the good of our families let's make sure we return a majority of Labour and Communist M.P.s. If you get the chance—vote Communist. You can be certain that they will always put our interests before anything else.

But no party can give you a better life simply in exchange for your vote—along with thousands of other women you should take a hand yourself.

If you agree with what we have said here, I appeal to you to join the Communist Party.

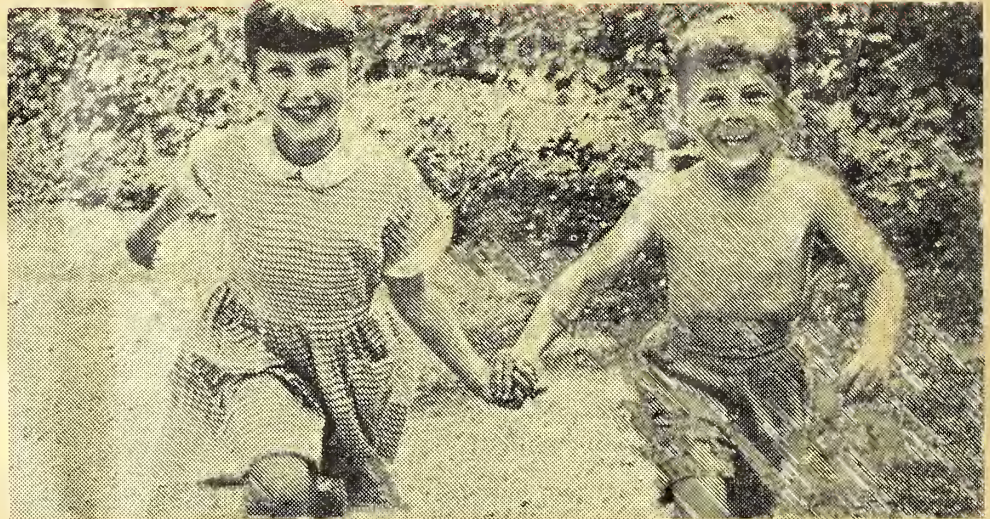
It is the only party with a programme which will ensure for us a life where the ugly clouds of war, unemployment and insecurity are banished for ever. If that's what you want, too, why not come in and help?



"Come on,
Ethel,
let's
clear up
this
mess"

With acknowledgments to the
'Daily Worker'

TAKE A HAND YOURSELF FOR THE GOOD OF THE FAMILY



THE COMMUNIST PARTY STANDS FOR

- INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO END ALL TESTS AND BAN THE H-BOMB
- MORE MONEY IN OUR PURSES FROM HIGHER WAGES, PENSIONS AND BENEFITS
- LOWER RENTS AND RATES ● EQUAL PAY FOR ALL WOMEN WORKERS ● A GOOD START FOR THE CHILDREN —MORE SCHOOLS, SMALLER CLASSES

Please enrol me in the Communist Party

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